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Realizing the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities towards 2015 and beyond

The General Assembly,

Recalling the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,[1] the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities[2] and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,[3] in which persons with disabilities are recognized as both development agents and beneficiaries in all aspects of development,

Recalling also its previous resolutions on the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in which it recognized the collective responsibility of Governments to uphold the principles of human dignity, equality and equity at the global level, and stressing the duty of Member States to achieve greater justice and equality for all, in particular persons with disabilities,

Reaffirming all of its previous resolutions on realizing the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities, as well as the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions,

Recalling the outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,[4] which calls for enhanced and concrete efforts to realize the Goals for all, including persons with

[1] A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).
[2] Resolution 48/96, annex.
[3] Resolution 61/106, annex I.
[4] See resolution 65/1.

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disabilities, and the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,[5] which contains references to the inclusion of the rights, needs and concerns of persons with disabilities in sustainable policies and practices,[6]

Gravely concerned that persons with disabilities are still largely invisible in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Millennium Development Goals, and noting that, while progress has already been made by Governments, the international community and the United Nations system in mainstreaming disability as an integral part of the development agenda, major challenges remain,

Concerned that the continuing lack of reliable data and information on disability and the situation of persons with disabilities at the national, regional and global levels contributes to the invisibility of persons with disabilities in official statistics, presenting an obstacle to achieving disability-inclusive development planning and implementation,

Stressing the importance of using standardized and tested tools and methods for collecting, analysing, monitoring and evaluating data on the situation of persons with disabilities and the need to have internationally comparable data to monitor progress on disability-inclusive development policies,

1. *Welcomes* the holding on 23 September 2013 of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly, at the level of Heads of State and Government, with the overarching theme "The way forward: a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond";

2. *Also welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Realization of the Millennium Development Goals and internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities: a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond",[7] and of the recommendations contained therein;

3. *Urges* Member States, international and regional organizations, regional integration organizations and financial institutions to make a concerted effort to integrate disability in the monitoring and evaluation of the development goals;

4. *Encourages* the mobilization of resources on a predictable and sustainable basis at all levels for the successful implem entation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons[1] and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,[3] and the strengthening of international cooperation and its promotion in support of national efforts, in particular in developing countries;

5. *Requests* the United Nations system to facilitate technical assistance, within existing resources, including the provision of assistance for capacity-building and for the collection and compilation of national and regional data and statistics on disability, in particular to developing countries, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with existing guidelines on disability statistics, to analyse, publish and disseminate disability data and statistics in future periodic reports, as appropriate, on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities;

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[5] Resolution 66/288, annex.

[6] Ibid., paras. 9, 43, 58 (k), 135 and 229.

[7] A/67/211.

6. *Also requests* the United Nations system to enhance existing methodologies of disability data collection and analysis to obtain internationally comparable data on the situation of persons with disabilities and to regularly include relevant disability data in its statistical publications and publications in the field of economic and social development;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To submit information on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session;

(b) To submit the sixth review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action, to the General Assembly in advance of and as a contribution to the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities, and in this regard, requests all United Nations bodies and agencies, through the Secretary-General, to provide an analysis of the overall situation of persons with disabilities within the context of development, based on available data and in accordance with their individual mandates;

(c) To continue to submit to the General Assembly a biennial report on the system-wide monitoring of progress and challenges concerning the situation of persons with disabilities in the context of development, and a quinquennial report on the review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action, to continue the cycle of reporting established therein.

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Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan, Malawi, Panama, Philippines, Swaziland, Thailand, Turkey and United Republic of Tanzania: revised draft resolution

Realizing the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities towards 2015 and beyond

The General Assembly,

Recalling earlier operational frameworks, such as the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons[1] which it adopted on 3 December 1982 and the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities[2] which it adopted on 20 December 1993, in which persons with disabilities are recognized as both development agents and beneficiaries in all aspects of development,

Reaffirming the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities[3] which it adopted on 13 December 2006, a landmark convention affirming the human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities, and recognizing that it is both a human rights treaty and a development tool,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in which it recognized the collective responsibility of Governments to uphold the principles of human dignity, equality and equity at the global level, and stressing the duty of Member States to achieve greater justice and equality for all, in particular persons with disabilities,

[1] A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).
[2] Resolution 48/96, annex.
[3] Resolution 61/106, annex I.

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Recalling also all of its previous resolutions on realizing the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities, as well as the relevant resolutions of the Human Rights Council and the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions,

Recalling further the outcome documents of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,[4] the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development[5] entitled "The future we want", and the 2011 high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on HIV and AIDS, entitled "Intensifying our efforts to eliminate HIV and AIDS",[6] which contain references to the rights, participation, well-being and perspectives of persons with disabilities in development efforts,

Gravely concerned that persons with disabilities continue to be subject to multiple and aggravated forms of discrimination and are still largely invisible in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Millennium Development Goals, and noting that, while progress has already been made by Governments, the international community and the United Nations system in mainstreaming disability as an integral part of the development agenda, major challenges remain,

Concerned that the continuing lack of reliable data and information on disability and the situation of persons with disabilities at the national, regional and global levels contributes to the invisibility of persons with disabilities in official statistics, presenting an obstacle to achieving disability-inclusive development planning and implementation,

Stressing the importance of collecting and analysing reliable data on persons with disabilities following existing guidelines on disability statistics,[7] encouraging ongoing efforts to improve data collection in order to disaggregate data with regard to persons with disabilities, and underlining the need to have internationally comparable data to assess progress on disability-inclusive development policies,

1. *Welcomes* the holding of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly, at the level of Heads of State and Government, on 23 September 2013, with the overarching theme "The way forward: a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond", in order to strengthen efforts to ensure accessibility for and inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of development, and looks forward to the contribution its outcome document could make in mainstreaming the rights of persons with disabilities in the development agenda beyond 2015;

2. *Also welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Realization of the Millennium Development Goals and internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities: a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond",[8] and of the recommendations contained therein;

3. *Urges* Member States, international and regional organizations, regional integration organizations and financial institutions to make a concerted effort to

[4] See resolution 65/1.

[5] Resolution 66/288, annex.

[6] Resolution 65/277, annex.

[7] Such as the *Guidelines and Principles for the Development of Disability Statistics* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.01.XVII.15) and the *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.07.VII.8) and their updates.

[8] A/67/211.

include persons with disabilities and integrate the principles of accessibility and inclusion in the monitoring and evaluation of the development goals;

4. *Encourages* the mobilization of resources on a sustainable basis to mainstream disability in development at all levels, and in this regard underlines the need to promote and strengthen international cooperation, including South-South and triangular cooperation, in support of national efforts, including, as appropriate, through the establishment of national mechanisms, in particular in developing countries;

5. *Welcomes* the establishment of the United Nations Partnership to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities trust fund, and encourages Member States and other stakeholders to support its objectives, including by providing voluntary contributions;

6. *Requests* the United Nations system to facilitate technical assistance, within existing resources, including the provision of assistance for capacity-building and for the collection and compilation of national and regional data and statistics on disability, in particular to developing countries, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with existing guidelines on disability statistics, to analyse, publish and disseminate disability data and statistics in future periodic reports, as appropriate, on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities;

7. *Encourages* Member States, United Nations agencies and the regional commissions to make all efforts to engage with and ensure the full and effective participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities and, as appropriate, organizations of persons with disabilities and national human rights institutions, in development processes and decision-making at the local, national, regional and international levels;

8. *Also requests* the United Nations system, within existing resources, to update existing methodologies of disability data collection and analysis on persons with disabilities, to obtain internationally comparable data on the situation of persons with disabilities and to regularly include relevant disability data or relevant qualitative facts, as appropriate, in relevant United Nations publications in the field of economic and social development;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To submit information on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session;

(b) To submit the sixth review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action to the General Assembly no later than June 2013, in advance of and as a contribution to the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities, and in this regard requests all relevant United Nations agencies, through the Secretary-General, to provide an analysis of the overall situation of persons with disabilities within the context of development and in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, based on available data and in accordance with their individual competencies and informed by regional consultations with persons with disabilities and organizations of persons with disabilities, as appropriate.